



March 8, 2026, 10:00 AM  
Third Sunday in Lent

Please fill out the blue Pew Attendance Pad and drop the paper in the collection plate during the offering. Prayer Request Cards will be collected during the opening hymn. The † indicates when worshippers are invited to stand if comfortable or find a posture that supports singing/praying aloud.

### Gathering Music

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
(Converse, Arr. Labenske)  
Wendy Treacher, piano

### Welcome

**All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our church. We will strive to love you, as God does, just the way you are.**

### Caring for One Another

**Prelude** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
(Lowell Mason, Arr. K.L. Phillips)  
Clyde McKaney, violin & Wendy Treacher, piano

### Call To Worship

*First & last lines from Psalm 95:1, 6*  
One: O come, let us sing to the MOST HOLY ONE

**All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: But how can we worship when there is so much wrong in the world, and so much work to be done?

**All: In our shared worship, God strengthens our hearts for the shared work.**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**All: let us kneel before the MOST HOLY ONE, our Maker!**

† Hymn #215 *What Wondrous Love* (v.1,3,4)

### Call To Confession

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from The Confession of 1967*

**All: The reconciliation of [humanity] through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of Your good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples, but we confess that we have gotten too comfortable with the poverty in our world. Forgive us, we pray, and strengthen Your Church's work against poverty, in Jesus' name, Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

*Romans 5:6, 8*

One: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... God proves [God's] love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! We are reconciled to God, and we are reconciled to one another. Amen.**

### † Congregation Response

#695 *Change My Heart, O God*

### † Exchange of Peace

As children come forward (Insert) *Jesus Bids Us Shine* (v.1)

### Children's Message

Jane Jones

### Sung Prayer of Illumination

#456 *Listen, God is Calling* (Refrain 2x)

### Scripture Readings

**Matthew 8:18-20**

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Isaiah 58:1-12**

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

**The Fast God Wants  
Part 3: Homes for All**

**Rev. David Schell**

### † Hymn

#301 *Let Us Build a House* (v.1-3)

### Offering

### Offertory

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
(Folk Hymn, Arr. K.L. Phillips)

Clyde McKaney, violin & Wendy Tracher, piano

### † Sung Prayer of Dedication

#716 *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (v.1)

### Prayers of the People

One: Loving God, please listen to the prayers of your people...

One: Let us pray to our God.

**All: God, hear our prayers.**

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

### † Hymn

#706 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### Blessing & Benediction

### Postlude

*O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*  
(Samuel Francis, Arr. K.L. Phillips)

Clyde McKaney, violin & Wendy Treacher, piano

### Today's Worship Leadership

**Worship Leader:** Rev. David Schell

**Lector:** Carlene Walz

**Children's Message:** Jane Jones

**Music Director:** Wendy Treacher

**Guest Musician:** Clyde McKaney, viola

**Hymn Leader:** Greg Marsh

**Sound Tech:** Doug Meyers

**MediaShout:** Randy Herrick

**Stream Tech:** Katie Meyers

**Prayer Recorder:** Jean Herrick

**Teller Team #4:** Sharon Vanderpool, Dorothy Graham, & Sue Leonard

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**Lenten Journey**

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**Next week: Canned vegetables**

Bring your donations to church any Sunday (you don't have to wait for Easter!). Please let an usher know if you need assistance unloading items from your car. The Peace, Justice, and Mission Committee will sort the items and deliver them to the appropriate organizations.



**Palm Sunday Path**

**1 mile walk to the State Capital**

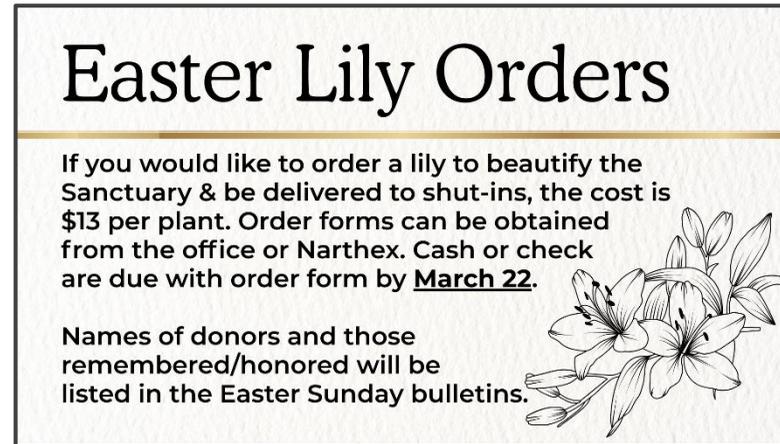
Join us in this cross-denominational walk for unity and organizing in contrast to White Christian Nationalism

Gather at First Presbyterian Church Lansing (510 W. Ottawa St.) by 2:30pm for a shuttle to the starting point



### **Membership Directory project**

Please submit a recent photo of your family or yourself or contact Katie in the office at 517-784-9175 or [office@jacksonfirstpres.org](mailto:office@jacksonfirstpres.org) to schedule a time to have your picture taken. If you need help navigating this process, please contact Katie!



**Easter Lily Orders**

If you would like to order a lily to beautify the Sanctuary & be delivered to shut-ins, the cost is \$13 per plant. Order forms can be obtained from the office or Narthex. Cash or check are due with order form by **March 22**.

Names of donors and those remembered/honored will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletins.



**COFFEE HOUR**

following worship

**We need hosts for the months of March & April!**

Sign up on the orange sheets in the Westminster Room



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### Church Weekly Calendar

#### **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

10:00am Worship Service (Sanctuary)

11:00am Fellowship Time (Westminster Room)

7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Monday, March 9, 2026**

10:30am Al-Anon Meeting (Library)

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 4312 (Activity Room)

7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

8:15pm – 9:45pm 12 Steps in 16 Days (Fellowship Hall)

#### **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

3:00pm Renew Cancer Support Group (Westminster Room)

4:00pm – 6:00pm CAA Playgroup (Preschool Room)

6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

#### **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

12:00pm Lenten Luncheon Q&A (Small Dining Room)

1:30pm-5:30pm Tuesday Musicales Try-Outs (Several rooms)

6:00pm – 8:30pm Center Stage Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

#### **Thursday, March 12, 2026**

6:30pm - 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

7:00pm Nar-Anon Meeting (Library)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

#### **Friday, March 13, 2026**

10:30am - 12pm Al-Anon Meeting (Library)

7:30pm N.A. Meeting (Small Dining Room)

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)

#### **Saturday, March 14, 2026**

7:30pm A.A. Meeting (Westminster Room)